

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.

Cancel claims 1 and 3 through 31.

Claims 1-31 (cancelled).

Add new claims 32 through 41 as follows.

32. (New): A scooter assembly comprising:

- a. a scooter comprising a running board supported by a front wheel and a rear wheel, the front wheel being connected to a handlebar by a vertical steering shaft;
- b. a motor assembly selectively detachably coupled to said vertical steering shaft and comprising a case and a motor, said motor assembly including a rotary output shaft; and
- c. a biasing mechanism operatively associated with said motor assembly for urging said rotary output shaft into engagement with said front wheel.

33. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 32 wherein said vertical steering shaft includes a pin for selectively engaging said motor assembly and wherein said biasing mechanism comprises an elastic band interacting between said motor assembly and said vertical shaft to cause said motor assembly to pivot on said pin into engagement with said front wheel.

34. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 33 wherein said pin is a horizontal pin and the elastic band is situated a vertical distance below said horizontal pin.

35. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 32 wherein said motor assembly is coupled to the steering shaft by means of a detachable clamp, the clamp being slidable along the steering shaft.

36. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 35 wherein said biasing mechanism comprises a spring positioned between a bottom portion of said case and said motor.

37. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 32 wherein said motor assembly is coupled to a clamp attached to said steering shaft and at least portions of said motor assembly are freely slideable relative to said clamp so as to apply compression to said biasing mechanism as said rotary output shaft engages said wheel.

38. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 37 wherein said biasing mechanism comprises a vertically oriented spring interacting between portions of said motor assembly.

39. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 37 wherein said motor is coupled to a bracket rotatably mounted to said case on a pivot pin, the pivot pin further including a spring for urging the bracket to pivot with respect to the case so as to urge the motor to engage the front wheel.

40. (New): A scooter assembly comprising a running board supported between a front wheel and a rear wheel, and a vertical steering shaft coupled to the front wheel and further including a selectively attachable and detachable motor assembly coupled to the vertical steering shaft, at least portions of said motor assembly being slideable with respect to said shaft, said motor assembly having a rotary output drive shaft bearing against said front wheel.

41. (New): The scooter assembly of claim 40 further including a spring interacting between said drive shaft and at least a portion of said motor assembly to bias said drive shaft against said front wheel.